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Summer Campers Fight Crime in Tobacco Free Art Contest

How the campers of Collier County are fighting back against Big Tobacco



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Naples, FL - The Tobacco Free Collier Partnership would like to congratulate **Lauren Puchalla** of North Collier Camp and **Andrew Kent** of Veterans Community Park Camp, this year's winners of the 2018 Tobacco Free Summer Art Contest! This contest gave campers an opportunity to bring forth their artistic skills in a way that displays the harmful effects associated with tobacco use on heroes, as well as how villains will try to convince you to smoke.

Each year two topics are chosen. This year's topics were "Why heroes don't smoke" for student's K-5 and "Create a Villain who is Influencing Others to Smoke" for students in grades 6-8. To help the participants better understand the topics, Tobacco Free Collier staff visited each participating summer camp to give a presentation covering the various ways tobacco can affect their lives and how they could portray these affects in a creative and unique art piece relating to the topics.

Now in its fifth year, a total of 10 summer camps around Collier County participated, resulting in over 300 entries! The art contest represents a fun opportunity for local kids to show off their creative side while supporting a worthy cause. A variety of the art work submitted by the participants will be displayed at the South Collier Regional Library throughout the month of August.

If you have any questions or would be interested in participating in the Tobacco Free Art Contest next summer, please contact The Tobacco Free Collier Partnership at 239-252-6852.

Summer Camps that Participated

Eagle Lakes Community Park
North Collier Regional Park
Golden Gate Community Center
North Naples Middle School
North Collier Regional Sports Camp
Vineyards Community Park
Max Hasse Jr. Community Park
Veterans Community Park Elementary
Veterans Community Park Middle
River Park Community Center

Elementary School Winners

1st Place: Lauren Puchalla of North Collier Camp
2nd Place: Lily Timmer of North Collier Sports Camp
3rd Place: Jack Miller of Max Hasse Jr. Community Park Camp

Middle School Winners

1st Place: Andrew Kent of Veterans Community Park Camp
2nd Place: Nicole Prophet of North Collier Sports Camp
3rd Place: Dhimitri Cicko of North Collier Sports Camp

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About Tobacco Free Florida

The department's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. Since the program began in 2007, more than 188,000 Floridians have successfully quit using one of Tobacco Free Florida's free tools and services. There are now approximately 451,000 fewer adult smokers in Florida than there was 10 years ago, and the state has saved \$17.7 billion in health care costs.¹ To learn more about Tobacco Free Florida's Quit Your Way services, visit [www.tobaccofreeflorida.com](#) or follow the campaign on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida](#) or on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla](#).
